Springfield Township High School

**Graduation Project Annotated Bibliography**

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**Annotation #2**

**MLA Citation:**

"Calder, Alexander (1898-1976)." *Encyclopedia of World Biography*. Detroit: Gale, 1998. *Gale Student Resources In Context*. Web. 1 Mar. 2011.

**INFORMATION:**

Author’s credentials:

Scope and purpose of the work:

The scope and purpose of this work is to inform readers about Alexander Calder’s life and impact on the arts.

Intended Audience:

The intended audience for this work is people interested in Calder’s life. This was made for the average person, a scholarly degree is not required to understand this properly.

**SUMMARY**

Thesis or main idea:

The main idea for this work is that Calder was a very famous, very influential artist who was loved by the world, both artist and non artist alike. He was a pioneer in the world of kinetic art, and his mobiles are well known and have been replecated many times in other works.

Summary of main arguments:

Alexander calder showed across the world. Many thousands of people went to see his works, including important artists of the era. He was the first to create true kinetic sculptures and mobiles, pieces of art that moved as a part of the composition.

**EVIDENCE**

Summary of evidence:

  He showed at many different venues, such as the guggenheim, MOMA in new york many times, and throughout many prominent museums in europe and america. He had a huge amount of commissions from jewelry to sets for theatrical productions to large public works.

**EVALUATION**

Evaluation of research:

This article helped me understand a little better what places Calder showed at and how he got to be interested and educated in the arts as he was.

 Evaluation of scope:

This article is very broad, and is more of an overview of Calder’s life. It gave some distinct details, but then kept going with the big picture.

Evaluation of author bias:

I did not detect bias in the writing.

**REFLECTION:**

I will use this in conjunction with the first article I found as a source for background information. This will be very general and help people to understand where he came from and what impact he had in a large sense. Details will have to be found eslewhere.